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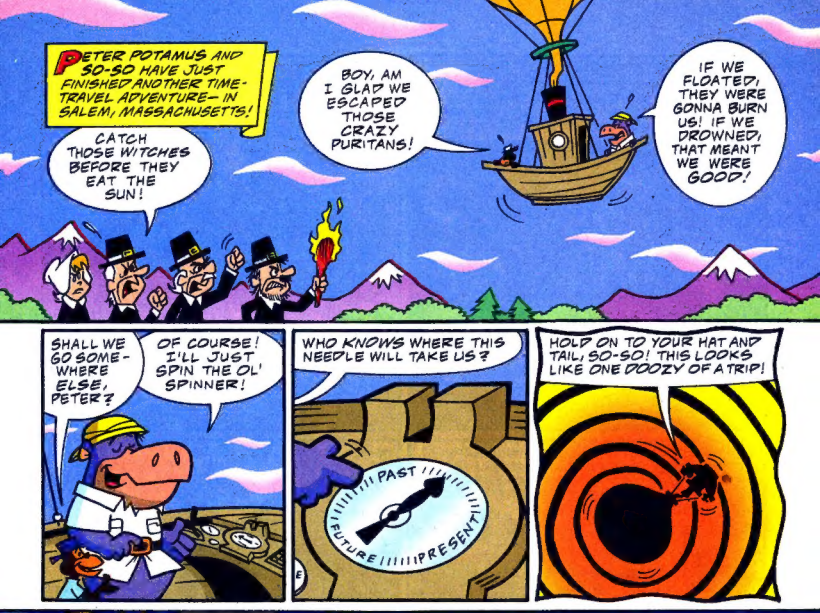
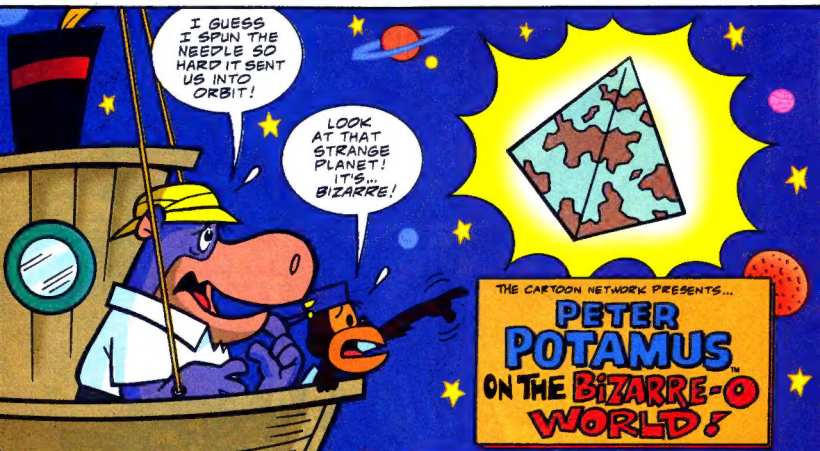

PETER POTAMUS AND SO-SO HAVE JUST FINISHED ANOTHER TIME-TRAVEL ADVENTURE— IN SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS!
CATCH THOSE WITCHES BEFORE THEY EAT THE SUN!
BOY, AM I GLAD WE ESCAPED THOSE CRAZY PURITANS!
IF WE FLOATED, THEY WERE GONNA BURN US! IF WE DROWNED, THAT MEANT WE WERE GOOD!

SHALL WE GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, PETER?
OF COURSE! I'LL JUST SPIN THE OL' SPINNER!
WHO KNOWS WHERE THIS NEEDLE WILL TAKE US?
PAST
FUTURE
PRESENT
HOLD ON TO YOUR HAT AND TAIL, SO-SO! THIS LOOKS LIKE ONE DOOZY OF A TRIP!



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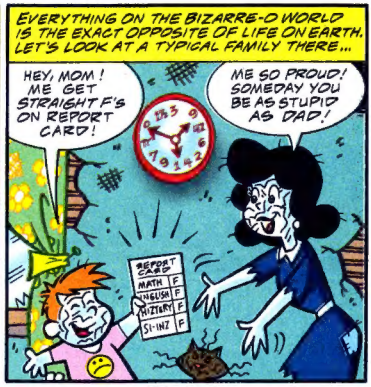
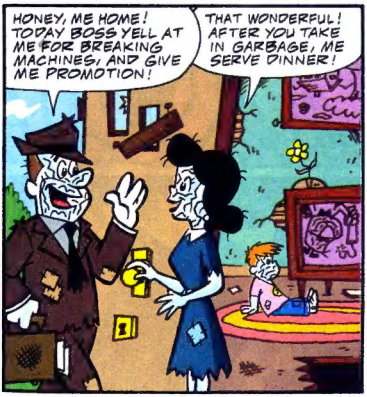
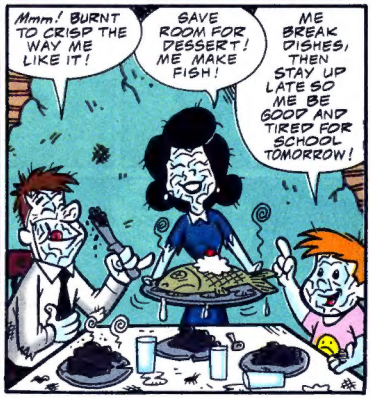
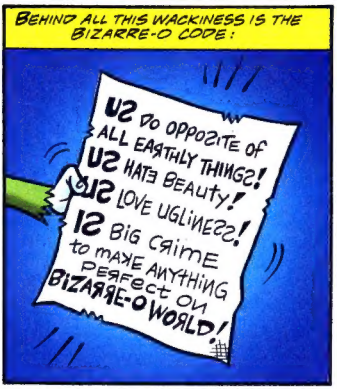
FAR OUT IN SPACE EXISTS THE MOST UNUSUAL PLANET IN THE ENTIRE COSMOS. IT IS THE PYRAMID-SHAPED BIZARRE-O WORLD, AN IMPERFECT DUPLICATE OF OUR OWN PLANET EARTH.

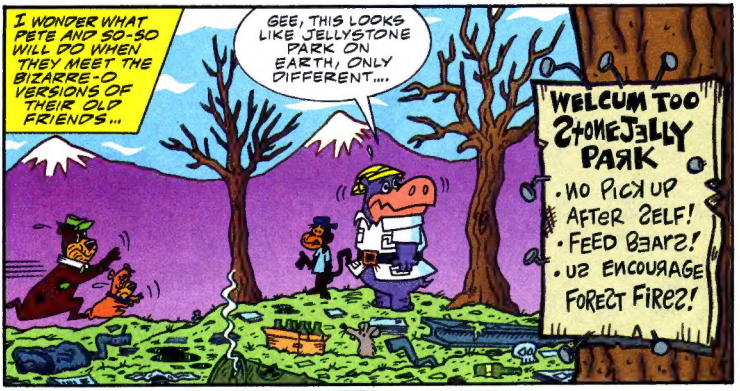

EVERYTHING ON THE BIZARRE-O WORLD IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF LIFE ON EARTH. LET'S LOOK AT A TYPICAL FAMILY THERE...
HEY, MOM! ME GET STRAIGHT F'S ON REPORT CARD!
ME SO PROUD! SOMEDAY YOU BE AS STUPID AS DAD!
REPORT CARD
MATH F
ENGLISH F
HISTORY F
SCIENCE F

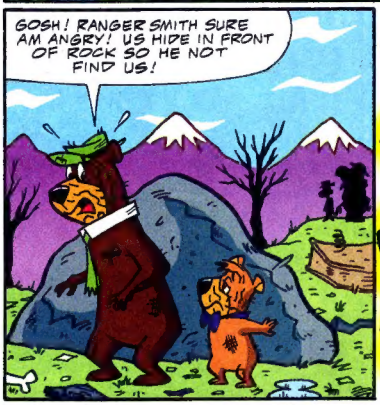

HONEY, ME HOME! TODAY BOSS YELL AT ME FOR BREAKING MACHINES, AND GIVE ME PROMOTION!
THAT WONDERFUL! AFTER YOU TAKE IN GARBAGE, ME SERVE DINNER!


Mmm! BURNT TO CRISP THE WAY ME LIKE IT!
SAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT! ME MAKE FISH!
ME BREAK DISHES, THEN STAY UP LATE SO ME BE GOOD AND TIRED FOR SCHOOL TOMORROW!

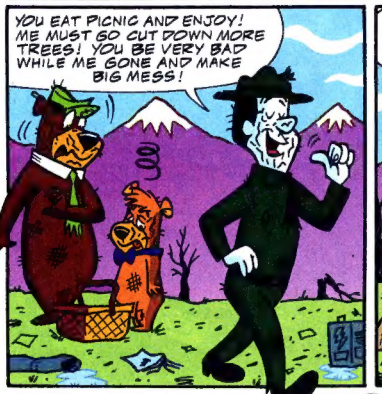

BEHIND ALL THIS WACKINESS IS THE BIZARRE-O CODE:
U2 DO OPPOSITE OF ALL EARTHLY THINGS!
U2 HATE BEAUTY!
U2 LOVE UGLINESS!
12 BIG CRIME to MAKE ANYTHING PERFECT ON BIZARRE-O WORLD!

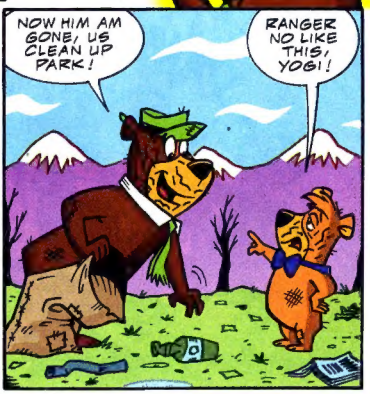
THE BIZARRE-O WORLD IS ALSO INHABITED BY IMPERFECT DUPLICATES OF YOGI BEAR, MAGILLA GORILLA, WALLY GATOR, AND ALL THE REST OF YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTERS.

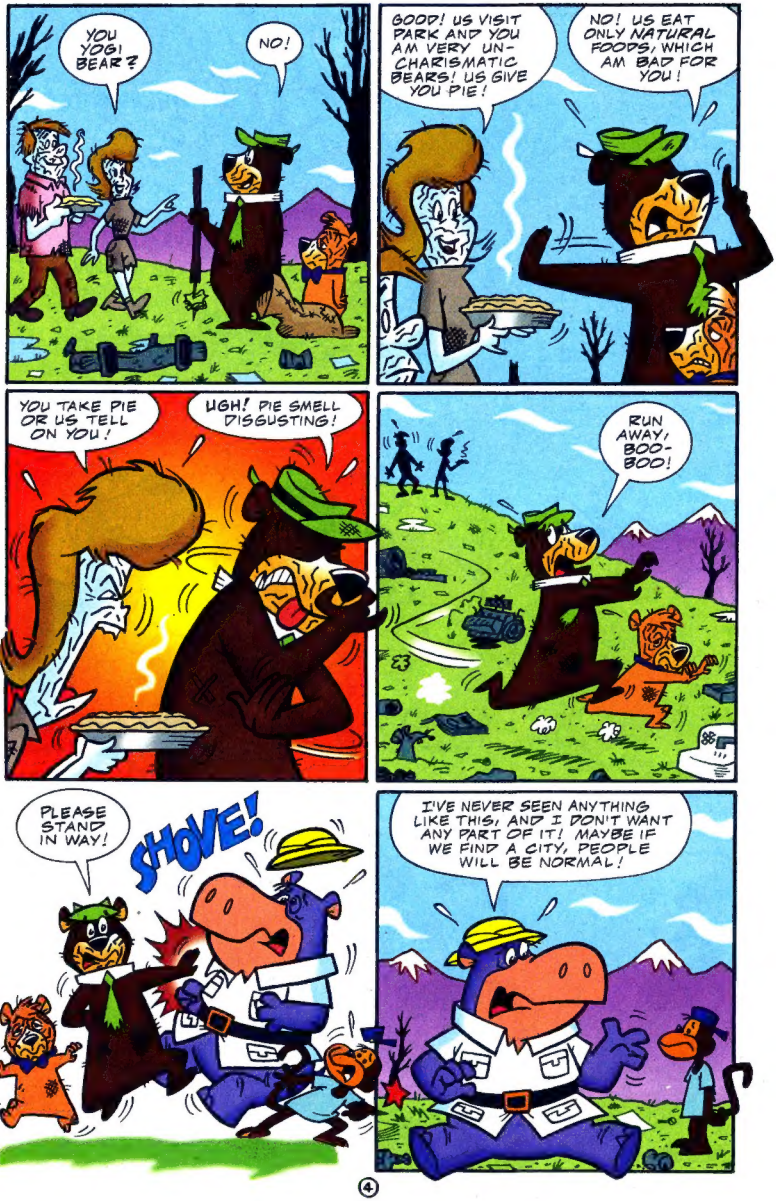

I WONDER WHAT PETE AND SO-SO WILL DO WHEN THEY MEET THE BIZARRE-O VERSIONS OF THEIR OLD FRIENDS...
GEE, THIS LOOKS LIKE JELLYSTONE PARK ON EARTH, ONLY DIFFERENT....
WELCUM TOO ZTONEJELLY PARK
• NO PICK UP AFTER ZELF!
• FEED BEARZ!
• US ENCOURAGE FORECT FIREZ!

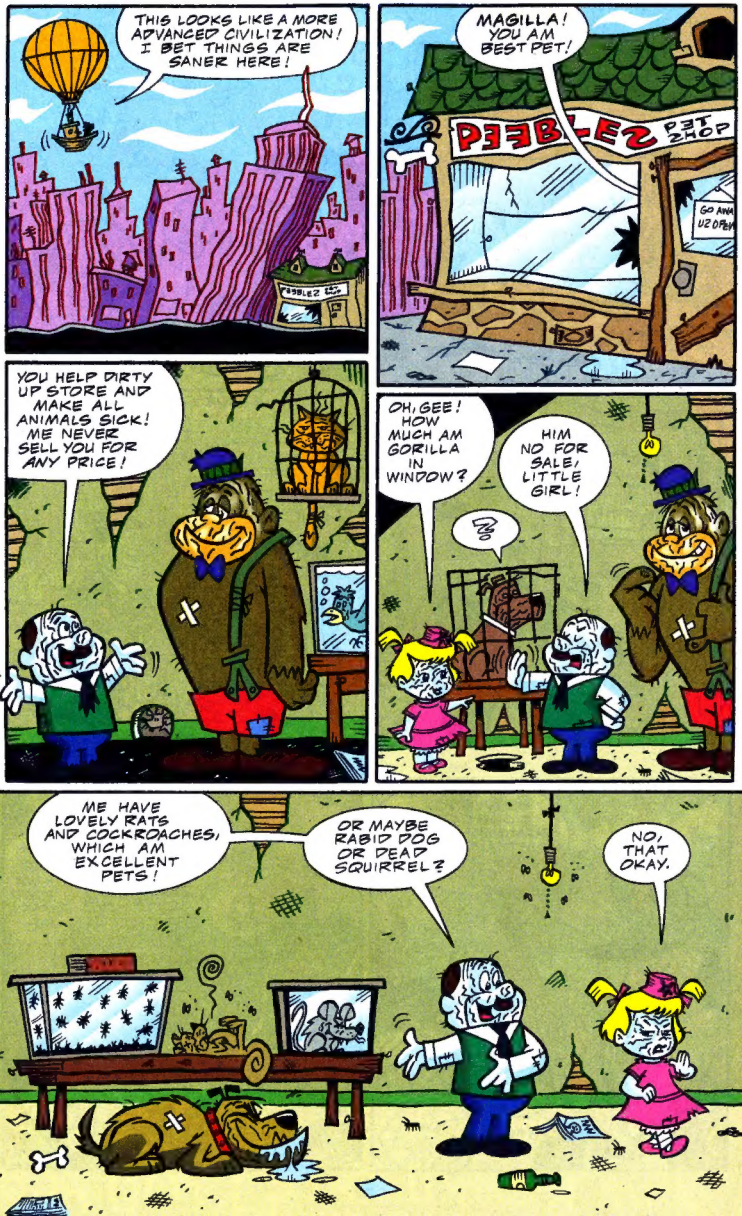

GOSH! RANGER SMITH SURE AM ANGRY! US HIDE IN FRONT OF ROCK SO HE NOT FIND US!

YOU TWO BEARS COME BACK! ME STEAL PICNIC BASKET JUST FOR YOU!
US NO LIKE BASKET! US EAT NUTS AND BERRIES!


YOU EAT PICNIC AND ENJOY! ME MUST GO CUT DOWN MORE TREES! YOU BE VERY BAD WHILE ME GONE AND MAKE BIG MESS!

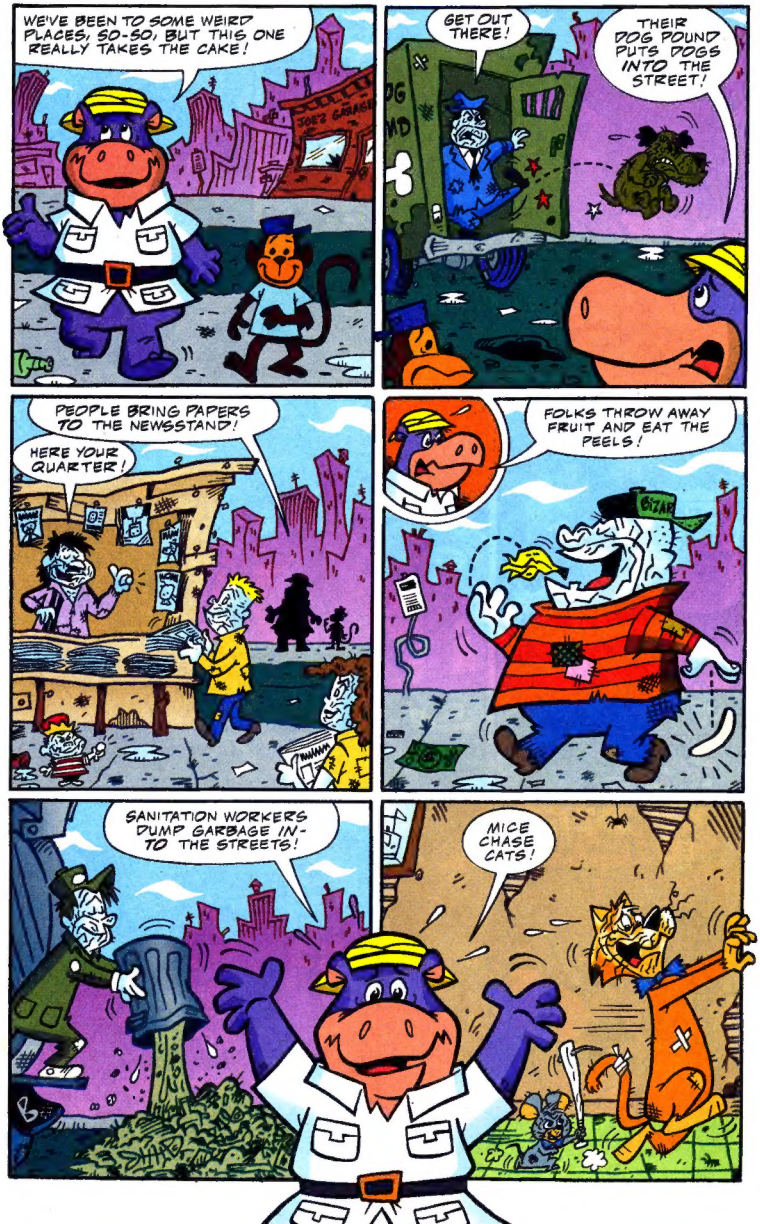

NOW HIM AM GONE, US CLEAN UP PARK!
RANGER NO LIKE THIS, YOGI!

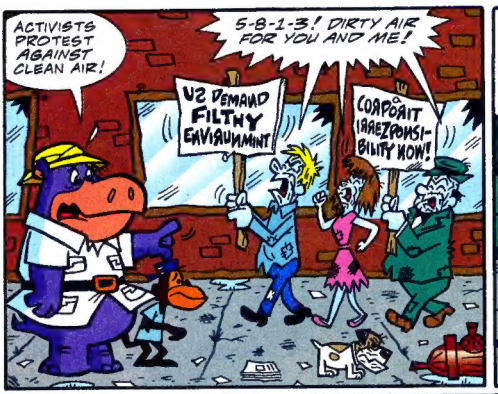

YOU YOGI BEAR?
NO!
GOOD! US VISIT PARK AND YOU AM VERY UN-CHARISMATIC BEARS! US GIVE YOU PIE!
NO! US EAT ONLY NATURAL FOODS, WHICH AM BAD FOR YOU!
YOU TAKE PIE OR US TELL ON YOU!
UGH! PIE SMELL DISGUSTING!
RUN AWAY, BOO-BOO!
PLEASE STAND IN WAY!
SHOVE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS, AND I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF IT! MAYBE IF WE FIND A CITY, PEOPLE WILL BE NORMAL!


THIS LOOKS LIKE A MORE ADVANCED CIVILIZATION! I BET THINGS ARE SANER HERE!
MAGILLA! YOU AM BEST PET!
PEEB-EZ PET SHOP
YOU HELP DIRTY UP STORE AND MAKE ALL ANIMALS SICK! ME NEVER SELL YOU FOR ANY PRICE!
OH, GEE! HOW MUCH AM GORILLA IN WINDOW?
HIM NO FOR SALE, LITTLE GIRL!
ME HAVE LOVELY RATS AND COCKROACHES, WHICH AM EXCELLENT PETS!
OR MAYBE RABID DOG OR DEAD SQUIRREL?
NO, THAT OKAY.

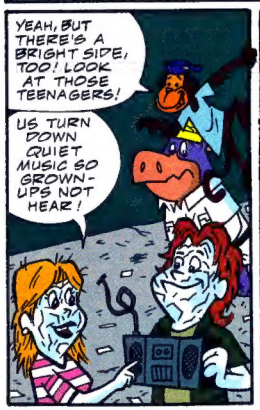
PEEBLES, ME GIVE YOU ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR GORILLA!
ME TELL YOU AGAIN AND AGAIN! NO SALE! YOUR MONEY NOT COUNTERFEIT ANYWAY!
ME COME BACK WITH SMALLER OFFER, THEN.
GO AWAY. WE OPEN.
IS YOUR CAR?
YES, IT AM, OFFICER!
ME GIVE YOU TICKET FOR PARKING IN STREET INSTEAD OF ON CURB LIKE LAW SAY!
BUT ME HAVE GOOD REASON! ME--
YES

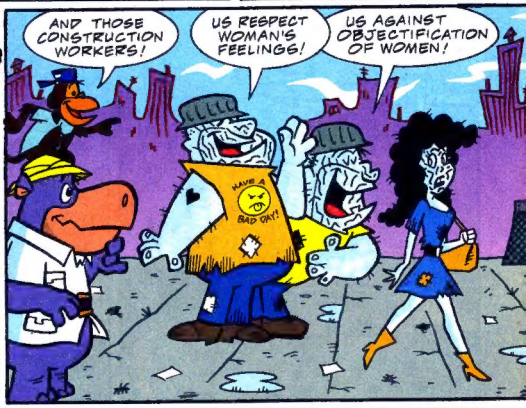
ME LET YOU OFF WITHOUT WARNING BECAUSE ME SEE WORSE SCOFFLAW!
YEZ
TOP CAT! ME WARN YOU ABOUT ILLEGAL JAY-WALKING!
WHO, ME?
MUST CROSS IN MIDDLE, NOT WALK TO CORNER!
THIS TOWN JUST LIKE NEW YORK CITY. BUT OFFICER, YOU LOOK AWFUL TODAY!
OH, NO! YOU NO GET OFF BY GIVING COMPLIMENTS! YOU BREAK LAW!
IS OKAY! YOU ONLY DO JOB AS WORST COP! ME TELL CAPTAIN HOW TERRIBLE YOU AM!
MAYBE ME BIT HASTY!
OH, NO! ME INSIST! YOU TAKE IN TOP CAT, MAYBE YOU GET DEMOTION!
YEZ
AWW, HOW ME STAY MAD AT YOU? ANYONE WHO SAY SUCH BAD THINGS NOT BE THAT GOOD!

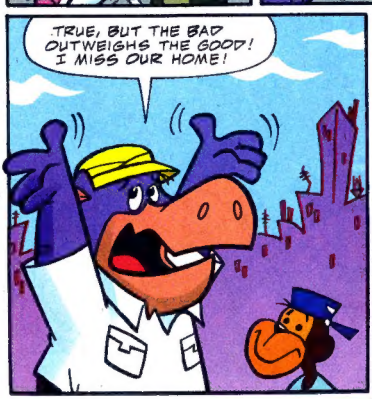

WE'VE BEEN TO SOME WEIRD PLACES, SO-SO, BUT THIS ONE REALLY TAKES THE CAKE!
JOE'S GARAGE
GET OUT THERE!
THEIR DOG POUND PUTS DOGS INTO THE STREET!
PEOPLE BRING PAPERS TO THE NEWSSTAND!
HERE YOUR QUARTER!
FOLKS THROW AWAY FRUIT AND EAT THE PEELS!
SANITATION WORKERS DUMP GARBAGE IN-TO THE STREETS!
MICE CHASE CATS!


ACTIVISTS PROTEST AGAINST CLEAN AIR!
5-8-1-3! DIRTY AIR FOR YOU AND ME!
U2 DEMAND FILTHY ENVIRUNMINT
CORPORAIT IRRESPONSI-BILITY NOW!

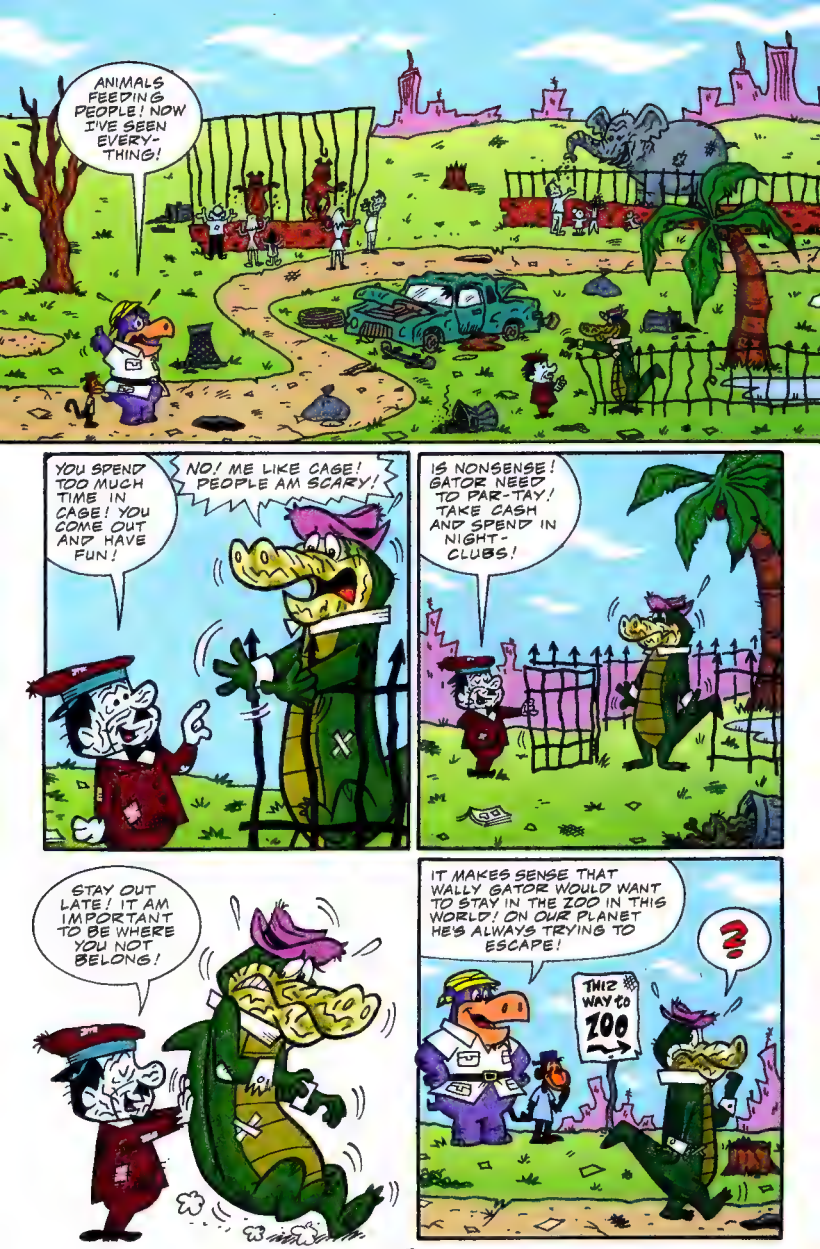
PEOPLE ARE HAPPY WHEN THEY STEP IN GUM!
EXPENSIVE NEW SNEAKERS RUINED! HOORAY!


YEAH, BUT THERE'S A BRIGHT SIDE, TOO! LOOK AT THOSE TEENAGERS!
US TURN DOWN QUIET MUSIC SO GROWN-UPS NOT HEAR!


AND THOSE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS!
US RESPECT WOMAN'S FEELINGS!
US AGAINST OBJECTIFICATION OF WOMEN!
HAVE A BAD DAY!


TRUE, BUT THE BAD OUTWEIGHS THE GOOD! I MISS OUR HOME!

LOOK! A ZOO! THIS I GOTTA SEE!
IT MUST BE THIS WAY!
THIS WAY to ZOO

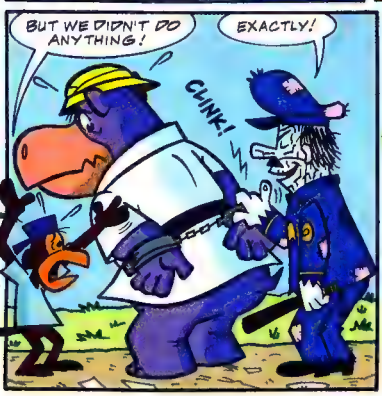

ANIMALS FEEDING PEOPLE! NOW IVE SEEN EVERY-THING!
YOU SPEND TOO MUCH TIME IN CAGE! YOU COME OUT AND HAVE FUN!
NO! ME LIKE CAGE! PEOPLE AM SCARY!
IS NONSENSE! GATOR NEED TO PAR-TAY! TAKE CASH AND SPEND IN NIGHT-CLUBS!
STAY OUT LATE! IT AM IMPORTANT TO BE WHERE YOU NOT BELONG!
IT MAKES SENSE THAT WALLY GATOR WOULD WANT TO STAY IN THE ZOO IN THIS WORLD! ON OUR PLANET HE'S ALWAYS TRYING TO ESCAPE!
THIZ WAY to ZOO
?

LET'S JUST FIND OUR WAY BACK TO THE BALLOON AND--
STOP IN NAME OF LAW!

CAN YOU NO READ SIGN?
$500.00 FINE FOR PUTTING WASTE IN BACK'T

NOW ME GIVE YOU $500 FINE!
BUT, OFFICER--

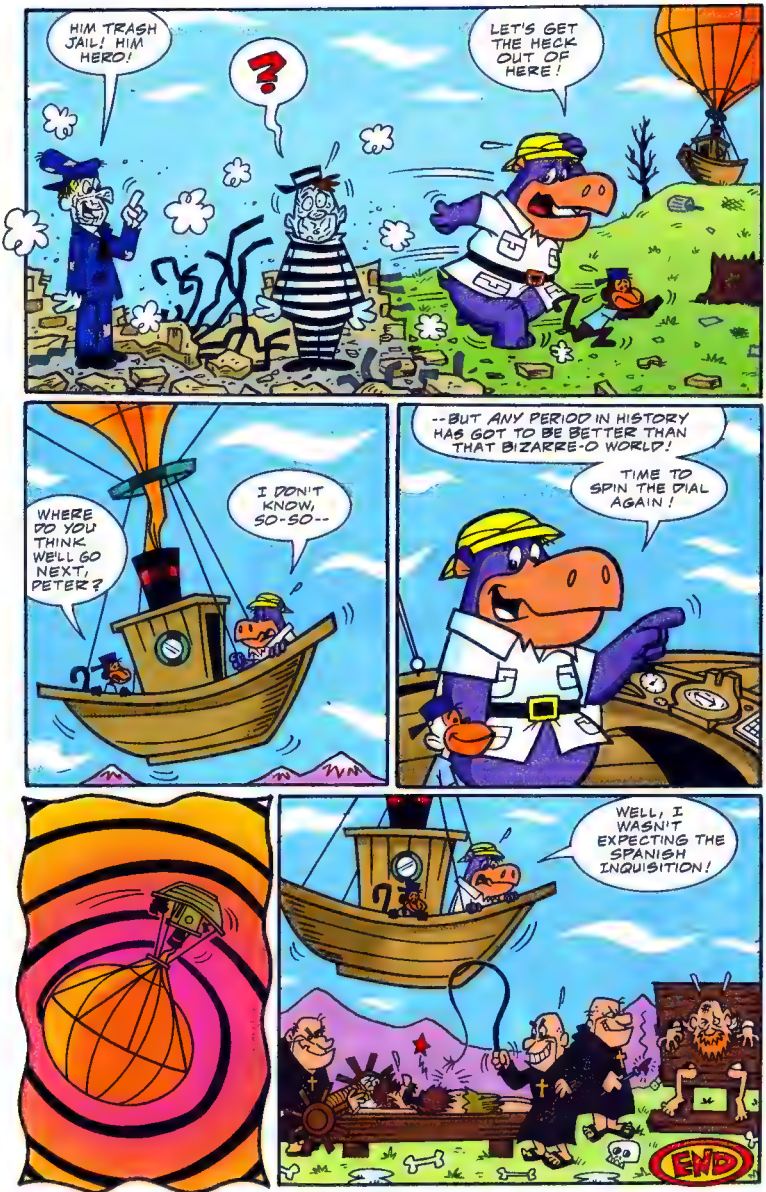
REFUSING FINE! YOU AM UNDER ARREST!


BUT WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
EXACTLY!
CLINK!

YOU HAVE RIGHT TO REMAIN NOISY! YOU HAVE RIGHT TO WORST ATTORNEY! UNDER BIZARRE-O LAW, YOU AM GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT!

CALLING TO STAND PETER POTAMUS!
YOU SWEAR TO TELL LIES AND NOTHING BUT LIES?
I-I GUESS SO!
MR. POTAMUS, AM THIS WRAPPER FROM TRASH?
OBJECTION, YOUR D'ISHONOR! IS RELEVANT TO CASE!
MR. POTAMUS, WHERE YOU AT ON NIGHT OF SEPTOBER 49TH?
WHAT AM CAPITAL OF MINNE-BRASKA?
WHAT AM CIRCUMFERENCE OF TRIANGLE?
WELL, I... UH...
NO FURTHER QUESTIONS!!
ME HEAR ENOUGH! ME SENTENCE PETER POTAMUS AND SO-SO TO ELEVENTY-TEN YEARS--
WHOOPEE!
--AND ME JAIL SELF FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT!
BUNK

US LOCK YOU UP AND LEAVE KEYS IN DOOR!
THIS JAIL AM HORRIBLE! ALL US EAT AM FILET MIGNON!
SEATS AM TOO COMFORT-ABLE!
TELEVISION ONLY HAVE ZOO CHANNELS!
BIZARRE-O WATCH
ME GET TRIPLE LIFE SENTENCE FOR TAX HONESTY!
HOLD ON, SO-SO!
THIS LOOKS LIKE TIME FOR MY HIPPO HURRICANE HOLLER!
EEE-YOOOWW!


HIM TRASH JAIL! HIM HERO!
?
LET'S GET THE HECK OUT OF HERE!
WHERE DO YOU THINK WE'LL GO NEXT, PETER?
I DON'T KNOW, SO-SO--
--BUT ANY PERIOD IN HISTORY HAS GOT TO BE BETTER THAN THAT BIZARRE-O WORLD!
TIME TO SPIN THE DIAL AGAIN!
WELL, I WASN'T EXPECTING THE SPANISH INQUISITION!
END

LIPPY THE LION
AND
Hardy Har Har
-IN-
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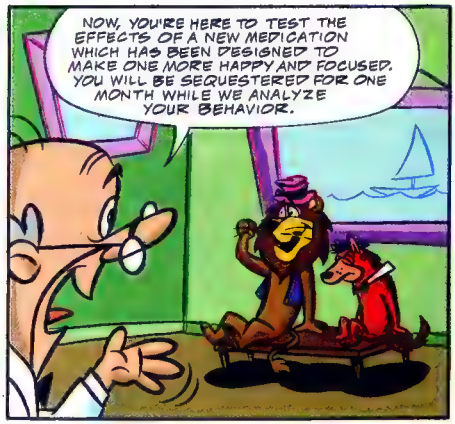
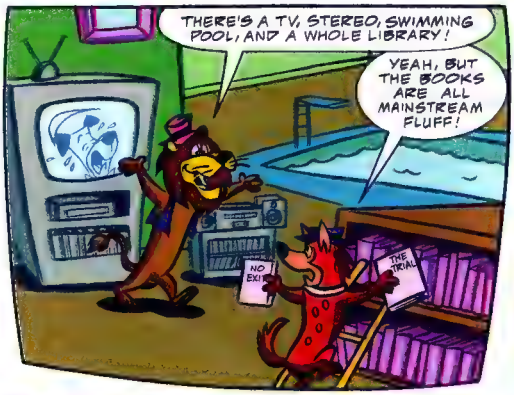
MORE SOUP, HARDY?
MIGHT AS WELL. IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE FOR US TO DO.
THIS BONE'S ONLY GOOD FOR TWO MORE MONTHS OF SOUP. BUT I FEEL WE CAN FIND A JOB BY THEN.
YEAH, RIGHT.
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE SOMEDAY WE'LL BE RICH ENOUGH TO AFFORD BEANS!
DREAM ON, LIPPY.

UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE A STORM! WE'D BETTER RUN FOR COVER!
WHY BOTHER? WE'RE ALL GONNA GO EVENTUALLY.
GEE- WHILLIKERS! WHERE ARE ALL THESE PAPERS COMING FROM?
WHO CARES?
LOOK AT THIS! IT SAYS THAT SCIENTISTS NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TEST A NEW MEDICATION!
THIS'LL BE GREAT! NOT ONLY CAN WE MAKE SOME EXTRA CASH AND HAVE A PLACE TO STAY, BUT THINK OF HOW WE'LL BE ADVANCING MODERN SCIENCE IN THE PROCESS!
JUST THINK, HARDY! BRAND-NEW MEDICAL BREAK-THROUGHS WILL BE MADE POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS! LET'S GO TO THAT LAB PRONTO!
SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS JUST ISN'T GOING TO WORK!


NOW, YOU'RE HERE TO TEST THE EFFECTS OF A NEW MEDICATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO MAKE ONE MORE HAPPY AND FOCUSED. YOU WILL BE SEQUESTERED FOR ONE MONTH WHILE WE ANALYZE YOUR BEHAVIOR.

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, GIVE US A BUZZ. WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
WHAT-EVER....

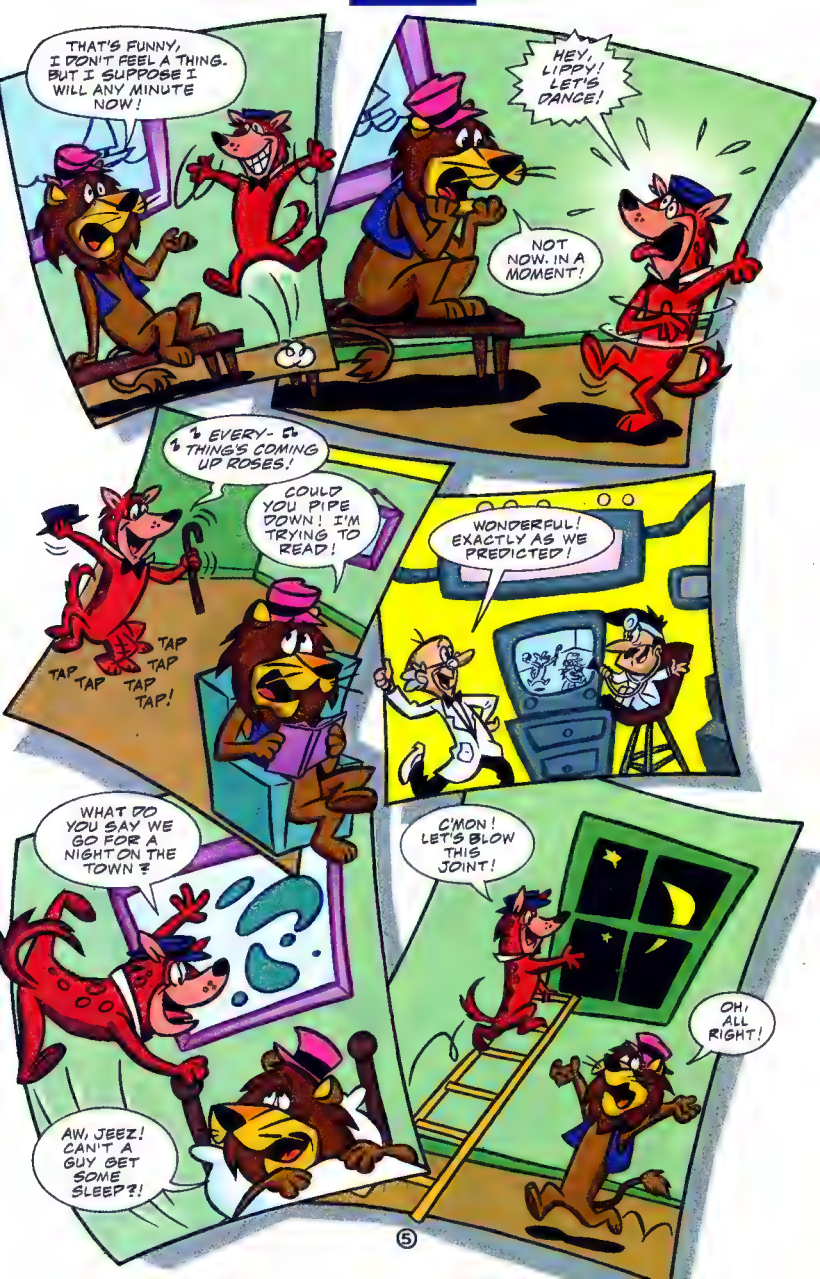
ISN'T THIS GREAT, HARDY? WE HAVE ALL THE COMFORTS WE COULD POSSIBLY WANT RIGHT HERE!


THERE'S A TV, STEREO, SWIMMING POOL, AND A WHOLE LIBRARY!
YEAH, BUT THE BOOKS ARE ALL MAINSTREAM FLUFF!
NO EXIT
THE TRIAL

NONETHELESS, I THINK THIS WILL BE A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR US!

YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, RIGHT?
YES, GIVE THE REAL PILL TO THE HYENA AND THE SUGAR PILL TO THE LION!

OKAY, FOLKS! IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MEDICINE! THE EFFECTS SHOULD LAST ABOUT TWELVE HOURS. FIRST, I NEED YOU TO SIGN THESE RELEASE FORMS.
"THE SIGNEE HEREBY ABSOLVES THE COMPANY OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY IMPAIRMENT THAT MAY RESULT IN..."
WELL, IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER, ANYWAY!
I KNOW YOU NICE DOCTORS WOULDN'T HARM US, SO HERE YOU GO.
GOOD! I'LL BE BACK TO CHECK ON YOUR PROGRESS IN A FEW HOURS.
OH ME, OH MY! THIS ISN'T DOING ANYTHING.
JUST GIVE IT A FEW MORE MINUTES....
ZOING!
HEY, LIPPY! WOW! I'VE NEVER FELT SO GREAT IN MY LIFE!


THAT'S FUNNY, I DON'T FEEL A THING. BUT I SUPPOSE I WILL ANY MINUTE NOW!
HEY, LIPPY! LET'S DANCE!
NOT NOW. IN A MOMENT!
♪ EVERY- ♫ ♪ THING'S COMING UP ROSES!
COULD YOU PIPE DOWN! I'M TRYING TO READ!
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP!
WONDERFUL! EXACTLY AS WE PREDICTED!
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO FOR A NIGHT ON THE TOWN?
AW, JEEZ! CAN'T A GUY GET SOME SLEEP?!
C'MON! LET'S BLOW THIS JOINT!
OH, ALL RIGHT!

HIYA, BUDDY!
LOOKIN' GOOD!
S'UP, HOMEY?
HARDY, QUIT EMBARRASSING ME!
MEANWHILE...
WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR PATIENTS?
WE'RE SEARCHING THE PREMISES! LET'S HOPE THEY DIDN'T ESCAPE!
WELL, THEY COULDN'T HAVE GONE TOO FAR, ANYWAY!
YEAH.
HEY, MAN! COME BACK WITH MY SKATE-BOARD!
WHEE! THIS IS FUN! WHY ARE YOU SO UPTIGHT, LIPPY?
BECAUSE THE MEDICATION ISN'T DOING A THING FOR ME!

THIS IS TOO STRANGE! I'M USUALLY THE OPTIMIST, AND YOU'RE THE PESSIMIST, BUT NOW IT'S ALL TOPSY-TURVY!
YEAH! AIN'T IT GREAT?
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO TOMORROW? I'M GONNA HELP OUT AT SHELTERS, BECOME A "BIG BROTHER," AND WRITE AN OPERA!
THIS JUST ISN'T RIGHT! IF ONLY THE PILL WOULD WEAR OFF AND THINGS WOULD GO BACK TO NORMAL!
TWONG!
OH ME, OH MY, OH GOSH! WHERE AM I?
HARDY, YOU'RE BACK!
OH GOLLY, OH HECK, OH GOODNESS! OH DEAR!
IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
HUG!

BACK AT THE LAB...
THE BAD NEWS IS WE CAN'T FIND OUR PATIENTS--
--THE GOOD NEWS IS TWO MORE VOLUNTEERS CAME THROUGH THE DOOR!
DUDE, WE'RE DOING THIS TO PAY OUR STUDENT LOANS!
EVERY-THING'S WORKED OUT OKAY FOR US, BUT I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT LION AND HYENA?
I LOOK AT THIS AS AN IMPORTANT LESSON THAT WILL HELP US GROW....
OH, IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME AND YOU KNOW IT!
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Salem Witch Trials

This month's topic is by special request of Our Friend Assistant Editor Mike Brisbois. When Mike saw the first panel of the Peter Potamus story, where Peter and So-So are escaping from the witch-hunting Puritans, he *flipped*. "Please tell everybody the truth about the Salem witchcraft trials," he said. So here it is:

In the 1600s, people came from England to settle in an area that later became the State of Massachusetts. Most of these people were **Puritans**—that is, Protestant Christians who were not allowed to worship according to their beliefs in England. They established a colony where they could live together and practice their religion freely (although they were not very interested in giving freedom of religion to other people). Along with their religious beliefs, the Puritans also believed in all the regular superstitions of their time—including WITCHCRAFT.

English people at the time of the Puritans thought of witchcraft as a kind of evil sorcery. They thought that witches could be either men or women, and that witches used magic to cause accidents, sickness, bad luck, or other harm. Often, when some unexplained misfortune happened, people blamed witches. The Puritans brought these superstitions with them to their colony in the New World.

Early in 1692, in a small farming town called Salem Village, several girls started acting weird. They made odd noises, crawled around on their hands and knees, and screamed that they were being hurt. Right away, people started worrying that the girls might be having trouble with a witch. A local minister named Samuel Parris led a hunt to find the witch who was bothering the girls. **Oddly enough, many of the people arrested as witches were people who didn't like Mr. Parris.**

The Salem Village witch hunts lasted for about a year, and nearly 170 people were arrested and charged with practicing witchcraft. **Some of them were even tried in court and found guilty!** Even the smartest people at that time believed in bad witchcraft: Judge Samuel Sewall, who was a judge at the Salem witchcraft trials, had a master's degree from Harvard College, served in the colony's legislature, and was a minister himself. He opposed slavery, and was concerned about the treatment of Native Americans—but he still sentenced some of the convicted Salem Village "witches" to death (although a few years later he admitted he was wrong).

In the end, 19 men and women were hanged as witches and one man was pressed to death with large rocks. Then some of the colony's other ministers helped stop the witchcraft scare, and the people still in jail were freed. Even though laws and punishments were different in Colonial times from the ones we have now, **no one in the Salem witchcraft trials was ever burned or drowned**—no matter what Peter Potamus says.

Salem Village, where the witch hunt took place, was near to another, larger town that was also called Salem. Years later, Salem Village changed its name and it's now called **Danvers, Massachusetts.** Our Friend Assistant Editor Mike Brisbois is *from* Danvers—so I guess that's why he wanted you to know about it!

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